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### MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, MAY 1987

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Employed persons - full-time	'000	Apr 87	1,540.4	1,552.0	1,547.5	1,532.6	1,500.4	2.7	5,687.5	1.2
- total	'000	Apr 87	1,919.3	1,928.5	1,887.4	1,859.5	1,857.1	3.3	7,087.6	1.8
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Apr 87	106.4	115.1	119.8	121.4	99.5	6.9	531.0	9.5
- total	'000	Apr 87	136.9	150.3	150.0	142.0	135.2	1.3	652.2	7.5
Labour force	'000	Apr 87	2,056.2	2,078.7	2,037.4	2,001.5	1,992.3	3.2	7,739.9	2.3
Participation rate	per cent	Apr 87	63.0	63.8	62.6	61.6	62.2	1.3	62.3	0.0
Unemployment rate	per cent	Apr 87	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.8	-1.5	8.4	5.0
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 87	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	5.9	62.7	6.3
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 87	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	-4.2	1.19	-4.8
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Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Nov 86	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	396.30	7.9	427.20	7.6
Males	\$	Nov 86	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	417.40	7.9	452.10	7.7
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Food	index	Dec qr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	10.2	156.0	8.9
Clothing	index	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	9.7	152.2	10.2
Housing	index	Dec qr 86	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	7.5	163.1	7.2
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 86	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1	160.3	7.4
Transportation	index	Dec qr 86	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	12.3	171.9	11.8
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 86	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	10.0	180.2	10.7
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	18.4	153.6	18.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 86	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	10.0	139.1	9.0
All groups	index	Dec qr 86	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2	161.5	9.8
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Feb 87	1,146.4	1,231.6	1,714.0	1,267.0	1,048.8	9.3	4,237.1	8.6
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Clay bricks	million	Feb 87	36	21	33	35	37	-2.7	143	-10.6
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Feb 87	268	188	236	278	261	2.7	1,134	-4.3
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Feb 87	34,967	24,886	32,573	36,517	56,519	-38.1	51,144	4.9
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	2,758	1,124	3,505	3,329	2,669	3.3	3,325	0.9
Cars & station wagons	'000	Feb 87	15.5	2.4	13.4	16.9	16.7	-7.2	25.8	-6.2
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Feb 87	901	282	617	835	881	2.3	1,836	1.3
- Wool	tonnes	Feb 87	1,356	583	1,262	1,456	1,471	-7.8	1,958	-5.0
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	1,635	346	1,401	1,568	1,730	-5.5	3,374	-0.9
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	349	209	255	357	401	-13.0	828	-23.0
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Feb 87	7,338	1,577	6,363	7,274	7,205	1.8	17,431	28.4
Electricity	million kWh	Feb 87	2,413	2,450	2,292	2,325	2,220	8.7	9,971	6.0
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Mar 87	1,081.4	1,067.2	1,094.2	1,152.3	928.3	16.5	3,059.7	17.5
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Mar 87	695.1	570.2	581.3	689.5	564.8	23.1	2,901.4	13.8
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Mar 87	2,322	2,141	1,758	2,486	1,987	16.9	8,140	13.4
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar 87	375	345	319	445	366	2.5	2,197	-6.2
Value of all building	\$m	Mar 87	410.7	315.0	336.9	384.4	267.3	53.6	1,512.6	43.0
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Dec qr 86	7,410	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	-9.1	23,530	-16.3
Value of new houses	\$m	Dec qr 86	480.1	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	-2.9	1,428.2	-9.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Dec qr 86	1,245	1,352	1,150	1,385	1,695	-26.5	6,837	-15.6
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Dec qr 86	59.2	57.9	47.9	56.6	68.1	-13.1	339.3	-3.9
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Dec qr 86	358.0	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	-16.4	1,974.8	-10.8
Value of all building	\$m	Dec qr 86	991.4	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	-7.6	4,023.7	-8.5
Work done in period	\$m	Dec qr 86	1,168.4	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	4.6	4,468.4	1.0
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)										
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Cars & station wagons	No.	Mar 87	11,359	9,535	10,990	8,303	10,710	6.1	39,331	-10.8
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Mar 87	9,653	8,153	9,419	7,106	8,970	7.6	32,043	-6.6
Motor cycles	No.	Mar 87	1,706	1,382	1,571	1,197	1,740	-2.0	7,288	-25.4
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Mar 87	17,960	17,777	17,579	17,696	15,296	17.4	47,671	21.3
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Mar 87	5,058	4,647	4,639	4,493	4,107	23.2	16,485	17.9
Fixed deposits	\$m	Mar 87	8,293	8,201	8,018	7,928	8,328	-0.4	30,059	-1.7
Advances	\$m	Mar 87	13,775	13,371	13,337	13,110	11,094	24.2	44,540	11.8
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	Mar 87	29,758	26,290	23,340	29,478	25,376	17.3	125,458	25.5
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Mar 87	370.7	344.8	292.7	361.2	231.0	60.5	1,188.4	56.1
Savings banks	\$m	Mar 87	313.8	296.4	250.8	300.5	163.9	91.5	857.7	134.3
Trading banks	\$m	Mar 87	19.7	18.0	15.0	24.1	25.7	-23.3	82.9	-39.8
Permanent building societies	\$m	Mar 87	20.8	16.1	14.5	21.0	20.1	3.5	169.9	9.2
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Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qr 86	381	432	378	205	333	14.4	1,889	17.5
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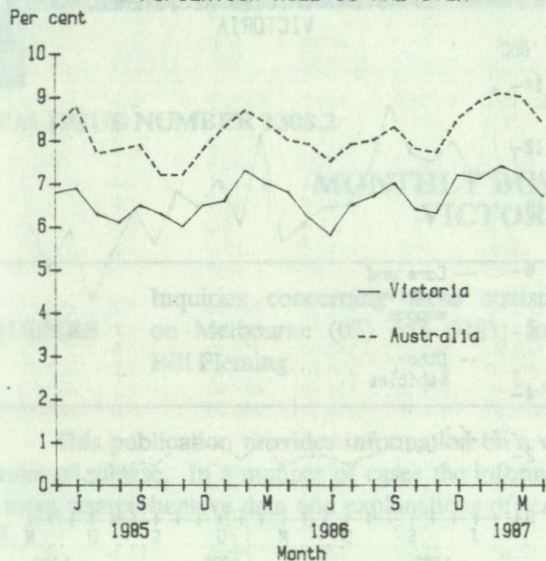
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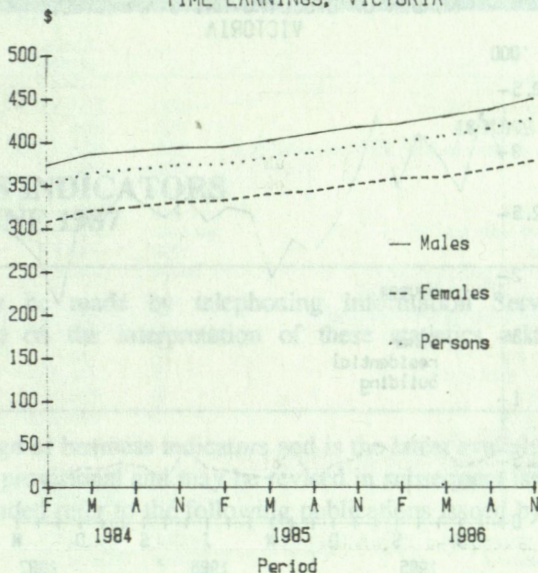
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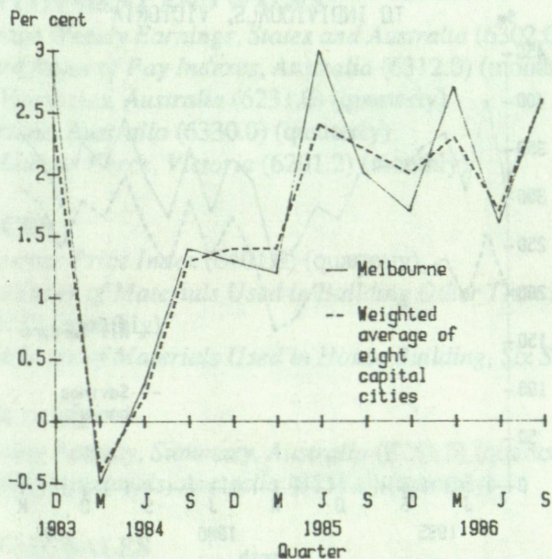
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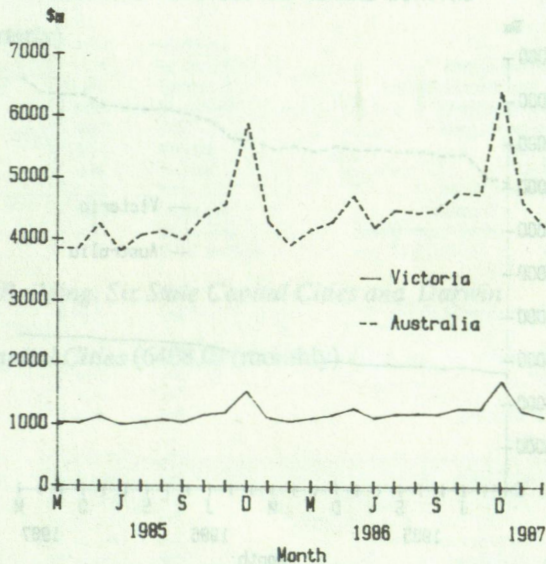
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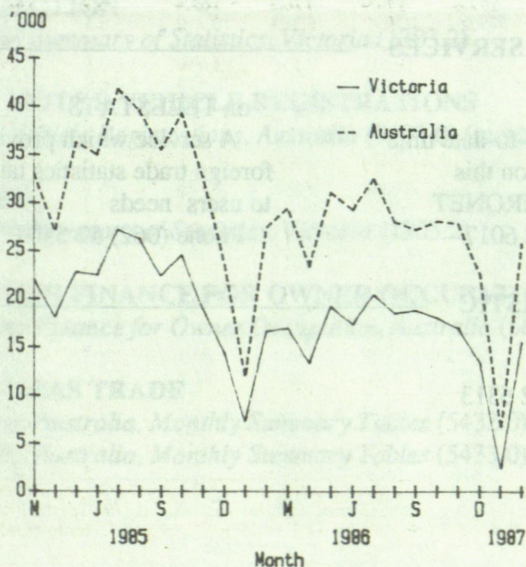
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS  
Percentage change from previous quarter



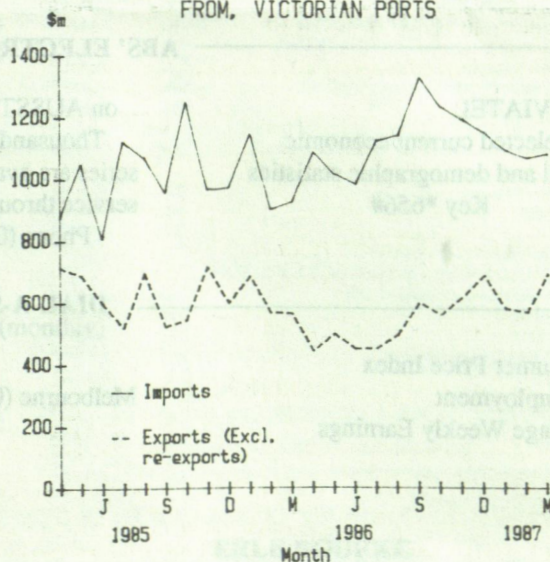
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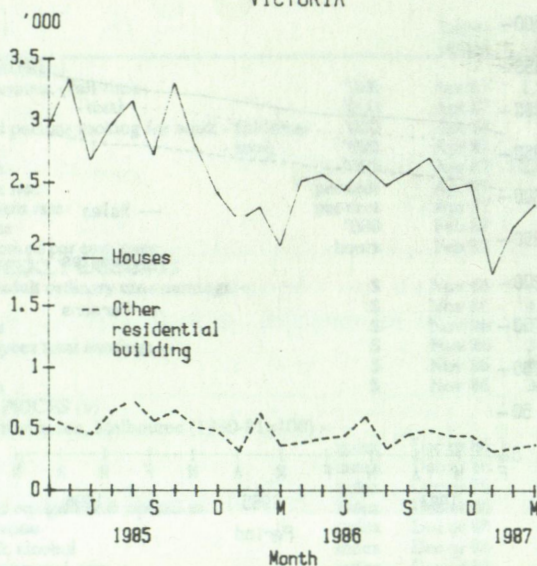
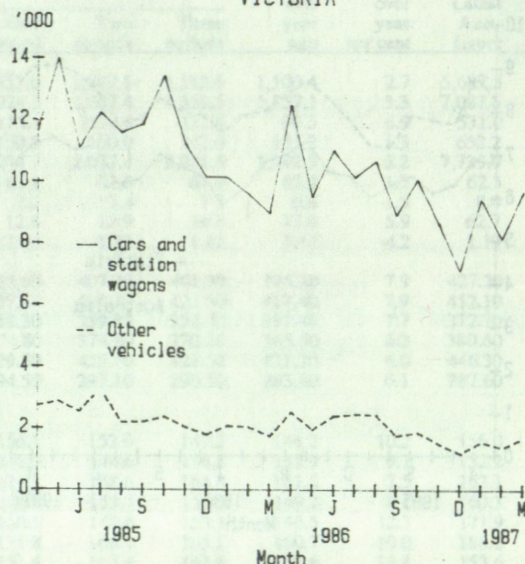
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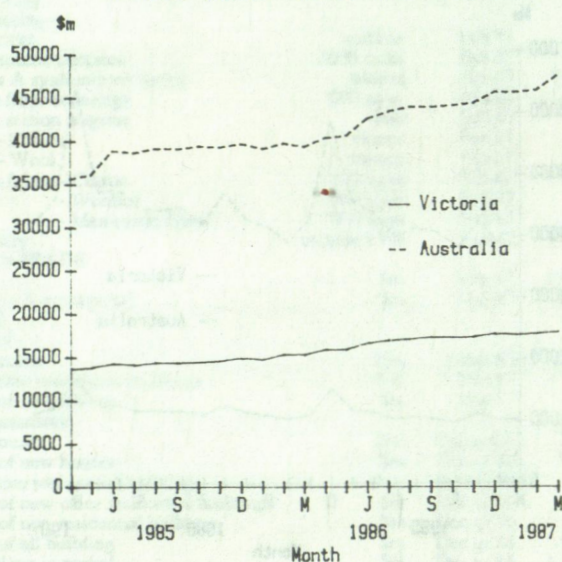
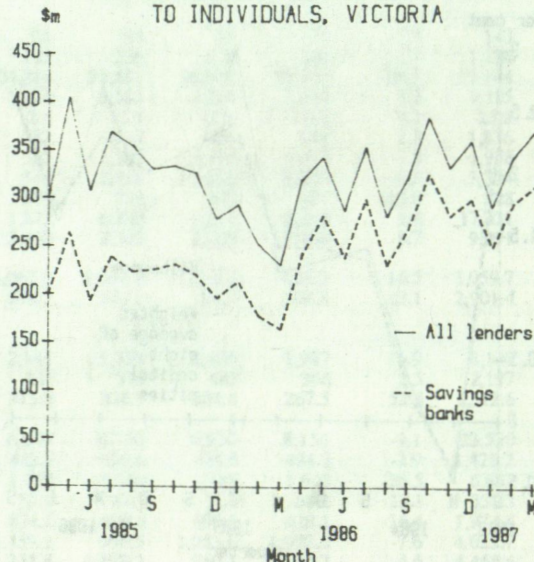
VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS  
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